

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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DRY LAND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has made any request to Union Government for financial assistance in connection with dry land development and cultivation on vast tracts of wastelands in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and financial assistance provided by the Union Government to State Government of Tamil Nadu during the last three years for this purpose and the details of the areas developed so far ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(A.NARENDRA)

(a)&(b) Ministry of Rural Development has not received any specific request from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for financial assistance in connection with dry land development and cultivation on vast tracts of wastelands in Tamil Nadu so far. However, under DPAP programme of this Ministry, 464 watershed projects at a total cost of Rs.139.20 crores have been sanctioned to the State Government of Tamil Nadu during 2002-03 to 2004-05 to treat an area of 2.32 lakh hectares. An amount of Rs.62.78 crores as Central share has been released to the Government of Tamil Nadu for implementation of these projects during the said period. Under IWDP programme, 21 IWDP projects covering an area of 101025 hectares at a total cost of Rs.60.615 crores have been sanctioned to Government of Tamil Nadu from 2003-04 to 2004-05. An amount of Rs. 13.69 crores as Central share has been released for implementation of these projects to Tamil Nadu during the said period. The details of projects sanctioned and funds released under DPAP and IWDP programmes during the last three years are given in Annexure-I.